



Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 6C, 28B, and 54A.

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of Web General Licenses.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing three general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GLs 6C, 28B, and 54A, each of which were previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GLs 6C, 28B, and 54A were issued on January 17, 2023. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: www.treas.gov/ofac.

Background

On January 17, 2023, OFAC issued GLs 6C, 28B, and 54A to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. These GLs superseded GLs 6B, 28A, and 54,

respectively. Each GL was made available on OFAC's website (www.treas.gov/ofac) when it was issued. The text of these GLs is provided below.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 6C

Transactions Related to Agricultural Commodities, Medicine, Medical Devices, Replacement Parts and Components, or Software Updates, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic, or Clinical Trials

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587, related to: (1) the production, manufacturing, sale, transport, or provision of agricultural commodities, agricultural equipment, medicine, medical devices, replacement parts and components for medical devices, or software updates for medical devices; (2) the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID-19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID-19); or (3) clinical trials and other medical research activities are authorized.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices are defined as follows:

(1) Agricultural commodities. For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities are products that fall within the term "agricultural commodity" as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602) and are intended for use as:

(i) Food for humans (including raw, processed, and packaged foods; live animals; vitamins and minerals; food additives or supplements; and bottled drinking water) or animals (including animal feeds);

(ii) Seeds for food crops;

(iii) Fertilizers or organic fertilizers; or

(iv) Reproductive materials (such as live animals, fertilized eggs, embryos, and semen) for the production of food animals.

(2) Medicine. For the purposes of this general license, medicine is an item that falls within the definition of the term “drug” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(3) Medical devices. For the purposes of this general license, a medical device is an item that falls within the definition of “device” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or

(3) Transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066, E.O. 14068, or E.O. 14071, except for transactions prohibited solely by the determination of May 8, 2022, made pursuant to section 1(a)(ii) of E.O. 14071, “Prohibitions Related to Certain Accounting, Trust and Corporate Formation, and Management Consulting Services”.

(d) Effective January 17, 2023, General License No. 6B, dated July 14, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 6C.

Note 1 to General License No. 6C. Transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066, E.O. 14068, and E.O. 14071 include new investment in the Russian Federation and the

importation into the United States of certain products of Russian Federation origin, such as alcoholic beverages and fish, seafood, or preparations thereof.

Note 2 to General License No. 6C. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 28B

Authorizing the Wind Down and Rejection of Certain Transactions Involving Public Joint Stock Company Transkapitalbank and Afghanistan

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of transactions involving Public Joint Stock Company Transkapitalbank (TKB), or any entity in which TKB owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest (collectively, “TKB entities”), that are ultimately destined for or originating from Afghanistan and prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 18, 2023, provided that any payment to any TKB entity is made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR).

Note to paragraph (a). The transactions authorized in paragraph (a) of this general license include the wind down and closure of correspondent accounts operated by

U.S. financial institutions on behalf of TKB entities, provided any remaining funds or assets in the correspondent account to be paid to any TKB entity are placed in a blocked account.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, U.S. persons are authorized to reject, rather than block, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the processing of funds ultimately destined for or originating from Afghanistan involving one or more TKB entities as an originating, intermediary or beneficiary financial institution and prohibited by E.O. 14024 through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 18, 2023.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation*; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

(d) Effective January 17, 2023, General License No. 28A, dated October 17, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 28B.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 54A

Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving VEON Ltd. or VEON Holdings B.V. Prohibited by Executive Order 14071

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the purchase or receipt of any debt or equity securities of VEON Ltd. or VEON Holdings B.V. that are prohibited by section 1(a)(i) of Executive Order (E.O.) 14071 are authorized, provided that the debt or equity securities were issued prior to June 6, 2022.

Note to paragraph (a). Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to facilitating, clearing, and settling of transactions authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license that are prohibited by section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14071 are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

(c) Effective January 17, 2023, General License No. 54, dated November 18, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 54A.

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